



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
REPORT 23-004**

1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 3, 2023

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Councillors N. Nann (Chair), E. Pauls (Vice-Chair), J. Beattie, C. Cassar, J. P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, M. Spadafora, A. Wilson, M. Wilson

**Also Present:** Councillor T. Hwang

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**THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-004 AND  
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Public Safety Update (PW23025) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

That Report PW23025, respecting Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Public Safety Update, be received.

**2. Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Vibration Study (PW23022) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

That Report PW23022, respecting Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Vibration Study, be received.

**3. Accessible Transit Services (ATS) Eligibility Audit Management Response Report (PW21055(b)) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)**

That Report PW21055(b), respecting Accessible Transit Services (ATS) Eligibility Audit Management Response Report, be received.

- 4. (Re)envision the Hamilton Street Railway – the (re)Designed HSR Network (PW23021) (City Wide) (Item 11.1)**
- (a) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to seek stakeholder feedback on the concept network through formal public consultation completed by September 30, 2023;
  - (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to review the Council-approved Service Standards considering equity;
  - (c) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to review the Council-approved Urban Transit Area (UTA) boundary; and
  - (d) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to report back to Council in Q1 2024 with a new Transit growth plan to include:
    - (i) A phasing and implementation strategy of the concept network.
    - (ii) A financial strategy (capital and operating) for the phasing and implementation of the concept network.
    - (iii) A communications strategy for the phasing and implementation of the concept network.
    - (iv) A ridership and revenue forecast for the concept network at full implementation.
    - (v) Recommendations on any changes or updates to the Service Standards to align with Council’s priority for equity, diversity and inclusion and multi-modal accessible transportation.
    - (vi) Recommendations on any changes to the UTA to support transit growth within the current and expanding Urban Boundary to align with Council’s priority for integrated growth and development; and
  - (e) That, through the formal public consultation, the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to solicit feedback respecting the suitability of advertising wraps on HSR vehicle windows and how this may detract from efforts to attract future riders and whether these wraps support efforts to grow ridership and the quality of public transit travel.

**5. myRide Waterdown On-Demand Pilot Review (PW23023) (Ward 15) (Item 11.2)**

- (a) That myRide Waterdown on-demand pilot that commenced on September 7, 2021, be considered complete;
- (b) That the hybrid transit service, introduced on November 7, 2022 and currently operating as a combination of fixed route service and myRide on-demand service, continue to operate as the recommended transit solution for Waterdown; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to incorporate any future changes to service in Waterdown or any future introductions of on-demand service into the Transit growth plan recommendations.

**6. Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024) (City Wide) (Item 11.3)**

- (a) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to implement free fare as a permanent fare concession program for children ages 6-12 who use a PRESTO card, effective May 1, 2023; and
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to seek stakeholder feedback on the Fare Assist Program through public consultation to be completed by May 31, 2023, with a recommendation back to the Public Works Committee.

**7. Playground Improvements at Henry & Beatrice Warden Park, 55 Lake Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 5) (Item 12.1)**

WHEREAS, the parks in Ward 5 provide valuable recreation and connectivity opportunities to residents;

WHEREAS, Henry & Beatrice Warden Park is located in the Riverdale West neighbourhood, 55 Lake Avenue North, Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Parks & Cemeteries 2022/2023 Capital Workplan includes replacement and upgrades to the playground equipment; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed to replace and relocate the existing swing area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the design and installation of a replacement swing area, including safety surfacing, at Henry & Beatrice Warden Park, 55 Lake Avenue North, Hamilton, to be funded from the Ward 5 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Fund (#108055) to an upset limit of \$32,000, be approved;
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor related to the design and installation of a replacement swing area, including safety surfacing, at Henry & Beatrice Warden Park, 55 Lake Avenue North, Hamilton.

**8. Pathway Improvements at Sam Manson Park, 80 Nash Road North, Hamilton (Ward 5) (Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the parks in Ward 5 provide valuable recreation and connectivity opportunities to residents;

WHEREAS, Sam Manson Park, is located in the Kently neighbourhood, 80 Nash Road North, Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the existing Sam Manson park pathway has deteriorated and would benefit from replacement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the replacement of the asphalt pathways located in Sam Manson Park, 80 Nash Road North, Hamilton, to be funded from the Ward 5 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Fund (#108055) to an upset limit of \$90,000, be approved;
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor related to the replacement of the asphalt pathways located in Sam Manson Park, 80 Nash Road North, Hamilton.

**9. Ottawa Street South and Maple Avenue Pedestrian Crossing (Wards 3 and 4)  
(Item 12.3)**

WHEREAS, the Ward 3 Complete Streets Report identified areas of concerns and recommendations to provide a safer environment for all road users on neighbourhood roads based on Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles;

WHEREAS, the need for safe pedestrian crossing at Maple Avenue and Ottawa Street South was identified by residents in the Crown Point area as a safety concern hotspot in Ward 3 Complete Streets Report;

WHEREAS, at the top of the hierarchy of need in Vision Zero principles is the child pedestrian;

WHEREAS, many school routes require children, the most vulnerable road users to cross at major arterial roads to get to school and the intersection of Maple Avenue and Ottawa Street South is an active pathway for children to get to Memorial City School;

WHEREAS, Ottawa Street South is the boundary of Ward 3 and Ward 4 and both offices are prepared to jointly invest in the best technical solution to ensure safe crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Operations & Maintenance Division completed an assessment of the intersection and determined that an intersection pedestrian signal (IPS) is warranted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the design and installation of an intersection pedestrian signal at the intersection of Ottawa Street South and Maple Avenue be funded equally from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108053 and the Ward 4 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108054 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$200,000; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor related to the design and installation of an intersection pedestrian signal at the intersection of Ottawa Street South and Maple Avenue.

**10. Waste Pickup for Large Community Cleanups (Item 12.4)**

WHEREAS large community park and alleyway cleanups have been coordinated across the City of Hamilton for many years; and

WHEREAS the City does not currently fully support waste pickup for large community cleanups.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City staff report back to the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Public Works Committee on what would be needed to ensure that the City can fully support waste pickup for large community cleanups including the need for safety equipment and training.

**11. Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Greenspace and Gardens (Ward 3) (Item 12.5)**

WHEREAS, local residents have put time, money and effort into beautifying the Birch Avenue Greenspace over the past number of years;

WHEREAS, this has become a beautiful space to welcome folks to Hamilton who enter the City along Birch Avenue, coming south from Burlington Street East;

WHEREAS, the Birch Avenue Greenspace has become a gathering space and point of pride for local community;

WHEREAS, the GALA Planning Committee has identified individuals willing to provide maintenance to the Birch Avenue Greenspace at a paid rate for the 2023 growing season; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis is willing to provide funding to the up-keep of the Birch Avenue Greenspace for \$1,000 as long as there is matching funding provided from another source.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$1,000 of matching funds to be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) to GALA Planning Committee towards the efforts of maintaining the Birch Avenue Greenspace;

- (b) That staff be directed to review the delegation requests from the Public Works Committee on March 20, 2023 regarding support for water access to help maintain the Birch Avenue Greenspace and report back with possible recommendations that could also be applied city wide where applicable; and
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor

**12. Park Pathway Replacements at Ferris Park, 25 Lynwood Drive, and Hunter Estates Park, 314 MacIntosh Drive, Hamilton (Ward 10) (Item 12.6)**

WHEREAS, there are extensive park pathway systems in Ferris Park 25, Lynwood Drive, and Hunter Estates Park, 314 MacIntosh Drive, that connect residents to the park and greater Poplar Park and Guernsey neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS, these pathways have surpassed their useful life span and need to be replaced to ensure a smooth, accessible path surface.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That funds for the park pathway replacements at Ferris Park, 25 Lynwood Drive, and Hunter Estates Park, 314 MacIntosh Drive, Hamilton, to be funded from the Ward 10 Councillor Priority Minor Maintenance account is 4031911610, at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$400,000, be approved; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor related to the park pathway replacements at Ferris Park, 25 Lynwood Drive, and Hunter Estates Park, 314 MacIntosh Drive, Hamilton.

**13. Installation of a Drinking Water Fountain with Bottle Filler in Newlands Park, 137 Lynbrook Drive, Hamilton (Ward 8) (Item 12.7)**

WHEREAS, Newlands Park, 137 Lynbrook Drive, Hamilton, is an active neighbourhood park supporting the Rolston Neighbourhood and beyond;

WHEREAS, new recreational amenities were added to the park in 2022 through the area-rating fund, to support active recreation and promote health and fitness; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a new water drinking fountain would support residents' access to water and mitigate single use plastic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to install a water drinking fountain with bottle filler in Newlands Park, 137 Lynbrook Drive, Hamilton, to be funded from the Ward 8 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Fund (#108058) at an amount not to exceed \$65,000;
- (b) That the annual operating impacts for the required maintenance and repairs for the water drinking fountain in Newlands Park, 137 Lynbrook Drive, Hamilton, be included in the 2024 Public Works Department base operating budget; and
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the drinking water fountain in Newlands Park, 137 Lynbrook Drive, Hamilton.

**14. Pedestrian Lighting Improvements at T. Melville Bailey Park, 45 Cloverhill Road, Hamilton (Ward 8) (Item 12.8)**

WHEREAS, T. Melville Bailey Park, 45 Cloverhill Road, is an active neighbourhood park in Ward 8 with pathways that promote active transportation through the community;

WHEREAS, parks provide local opportunities for physical fitness and recreation, throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian pathway lighting that exists in T. Melville Bailey Park supporting commuters and park users is in need of lifecycle replacement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$60,000 be allocated from the Ward 8 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve (#108058), to implement replacement pedestrian lighting along the path through T. Melville Bailey Park, 45 Cloverhill Road, Hamilton; and



- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the replacement of pedestrian lighting along the path through T. Melville Bailey Park, 45 Cloverhill Road, Hamilton.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.1 Correspondence from Anna Roberts, Lakewood Beach Community Council, respecting Item 11.2 myRide Waterdown On-Demand Pilot Review (PW23023)

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 6.2 Delegation Requests respecting how the City of Hamilton can Make the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Frequent, Electric and Free (for a future meeting)

- (c) Christine McNabb, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter

- 6.3 Delegation Requests respecting Item 9.3, ATS Eligibility Audit Management Response Report (PW21055(b)) (City Wide) (for today's meeting)

- (e) James Kemp, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- 8.1 Transit: Public Works, April 3, 2023

The Agenda for the April 3, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**(i) March 20, 2023 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

**(i) Correspondence from Anna Roberts, Lakewood Beach Community Council, respecting Item 11.2 myRide Waterdown On-Demand Pilot Review (PW23023) (Item 5.1)**

Correspondence from Anna Roberts, Lakewood Beach Community Council, respecting Item 11.2 myRide Waterdown On-Demand Pilot Review, was received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.2.

**(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

The following Delegation Requests were approved:

- (i) Rosemary Lukosius, Ainslie Wood Community Association, respecting the Waste Calendar (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Delegation Requests respecting how the City of Hamilton can Make the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Frequent, Electric and Free (for a future meeting) (Item 6.2)
  - (a) Edward Reece, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter (Item 6.2(a))
  - (b) Jason Hindle, Hamilton 350 (Item 6.2(b))
  - (c) Christine McNabb, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter (Item 6.2(c))
- (iii) Delegation Requests respecting Item 9.3, ATS Eligibility Audit Management Response Report (PW21055(b)) (City Wide) (for today's meeting)
  - (a) Susanne Craig, Adult Community Support Program (Item 6.3(a))

- (b) Aznive Mallett, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 6.3(b))
- (c) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Item 6.3(c))
- (d) Tiffany Garvey, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Item 6.3(d))
- (e) James Kemp, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 6.3(e))

**(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Delegations respecting Item 9.3, ATS Eligibility Audit Management Response Report (PW21055(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 9.3, ATS Eligibility Audit Management Response Report:

- (a) Susanne Craig, Adult Community Support Program (Item 7.1(a))  
  
Susanne Craig was not present when called upon.
- (b) Aznive Mallett, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.1(b))
- (c) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Item 7.1 (c))
- (d) Tiffany Garvey, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Item 7.1 (d))
- (e) James Kemp, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.1 (e))

The following delegations, were received:

- (i) Delegations respecting Item 9.3, ATS Eligibility Audit Management Response Report (PW21055(b)) (City Wide)
  - (b) Aznive Mallett, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
  - (c) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance
  - (d) Tiffany Garvey, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance
  - (e) James Kemp, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

**(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Transit: Public Works, April 3, 2023 (Item 8.1)**

Maureen Cosyn Heath, Director of Transit, provided the Committee with an overview of Report PW23021, (Re)envision the HSR – the (re)Designed HSR Network; Report PW23022, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Vibration Study; PW23023, myRide Waterdown On-Demand Pilot Review; Report PW23024, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies; Report PW23025, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Public Safety Update and Report PW21055(b), Accessible Transit Services (ATS) Eligibility Audit Management Response Report, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Maureen Cosyn Heath, Director of Transit, respecting Transit: Public Works, April 3, 2023, was received.

**(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)**

**(i) (Re)envision the HSR – the (re)Designed HSR Network (PW23021) (City Wide) (Item 11.1)**

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- (vi) Recommendations on any changes to the UTA to support transit growth within the current and expanding Urban Boundary to align with Council's priority for integrated growth and development.

Report PW23021, respecting (Re)envision the HSR – the (re)Designed HSR Network, was **amended** by adding recommendation (e), to read as follows:

- (e) ***That, through the formal public consultation, the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be directed to solicit feedback respecting the suitability of advertising wraps on HSR vehicle windows and how this may detract from efforts to attract future riders and whether these wraps support efforts to grow ridership and the quality of public transit travel.***

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

**(i) MOTIONS (Item 12)**

Councillor Nann relinquished the Chair to Councillor Pauls in order to introduce the following Motions:

- (i) Ottawa Street South and Maple Avenue Pedestrian Crossing (Wards 3 and 4) (Item 12.3)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

- (ii) Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Greenspace and Gardens (Ward 3) (Item 12.5)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

Councillor Nann assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)**

That there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nann, Chair,  
Public Works Committee

Carrie McIntosh  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk